

similar legislation, and it should not be considered as precedent for consideration of matters of jurisdictional interest to the Committee in the future.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H. Res. 392, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the record during floor consideration. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance on this matter.

With best personal regards,

BILL ARCHER,  
*Chairman.*

TRIBUTE TO E.B. "SWEDE"  
ANTONELL, JOHN E. BOUDREAU,  
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NITY

### HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 1998*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to E.B. "Swede" Antonell, John E. Boudreau, Robert F. Bowman, Robert L. Stanfield and Harvey Williams for their service to the central San Joaquin Valley agricultural community. Each of these gentlemen has distinguished himself as a valued member of the agriculture-water industry.

Mr. E.B. "Swede" Antonell was born in Michigan and started his career as a chemist for U.S. Industrial Alcohol after studying chemistry at Stanford University. His service on the Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District Board of Directors dates back to the earliest days of water service from the Friant-Kern Canal.

Mr. Antonell came to Kern County in 1938 as a farmer and produce packer. He farmed citrus, potatoes, corn and cantaloupe. He saw that farmers in the Delano and McFarland areas were faced with the pumping of ground water to sustain their agriculture production and were depleting the subterranean water supply. Mr. Antonell decided to actively support the Friant water project, which would enable modern irrigation and use surface water to produce higher yielding crops. Mr. Antonell has been a longtime advocate for agriculture and water in the valley.

Long identified with water industry leadership in Kern County, Mr. Antonell represented the district as a Friant Water Users Authority director since the Authority's formation in October 1985. Beginning in January 1955, Mr. Antonell served as the director of the Delano-McFarland District of the Central Valley Project—Friant Division. Mr. Antonell also served as director of the Western Growers' Association, the California Potato Growers Association, the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, the Association of California Water Agencies Insurance Commission, and Governor Ronald Reagan's Citizens' Commission for Agriculture. On June 2, his 96th birthday, Mr. Antonell resigned and retired from the Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility Board of Directors.

John E. Boudreau joined the Terra Bella Irrigation District in 1968. He has managed all

administrative, engineering, operational and maintenance duties for the system which delivers water to agricultural and municipal users in this Tulare County community. Recently Mr. Boudreau has overseen a project of over \$5 million that includes a municipal and industrial water treatment plant, a million gallon storage tank, pumping facilities and four miles of water lines.

Mr. Boudreau has managed the Friant Power Authority since its inception in 1979 and plans to continue in that role after his retirement from the irrigation district. He also manages the San Joaquin River Water Power Authority and has served on the Tulare County Grand Jury and as Chairman of the Tulare County Flood Control Commission. In Terra Bella, he has served as the past director of the Terra Bella Chamber of Commerce and the American Cancer Society. With the Association of California Water Agencies, he is the past chairman of the Thermal Electric Water Supply Committee and Manager-Engineers Section, as well as a former Executive Board member.

Mr. Boudreau earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Santa Clara. He served in the United States Army Reserve for eight years and achieved the rank of captain.

Robert F. Bowman completed six successful years as Chairman of the Board of the Friant Water Users Authority in January. His introduction to farming came 62 years ago when his parents moved to Kern County from Southern California and bought 40 acres near Buttonwillow. Mr. Bowman has farming interests in the Corcoran, Angiola and Tipton areas. His crops have included cotton, alfalfa, wheat, safflower and sugar beets.

Mr. Bowman has served on the Friant Water Users Authority board since 1988 and was vice chairman for two years. His other board service includes the Upper San Joaquin Water and Power Authority, Mid-Valley Water Authority, Central Valley Project Authority, Association of California Water Agencies, Central Valley Project Water Association and California Farm Water Coalition. He also chairs the Friant Water Users Political Action Committee. Mr. Bowman has distinguished himself as a fighter for Friant water and San Joaquin Valley water rights.

Robert Bowman is past chairman of the California Ag Council, which is made up of the state's major agricultural cooperatives. He has also served as director for both the Western Cotton Growers' Association and CalCot. Mr. Bowman is a 1950 graduate of Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo and served in World War II as an U.S. Army infantry lieutenant.

Robert L. Stanfield is retiring from a 35-year career with the Madera Irrigation District where he has been the district manager for the past 23 years. Mr. Stanfield's family has nearly 130 years of history in the Madera area.

After earning a degree in civil engineering from Chico State College, Robert Stanfield began his career working part time for the Madera Irrigation District (M.I.D.). He was then recruited to become an engineer for the district. After rising through the ranks he became M.I.D.'s general manager/chief engineer in 1975. He has also served as the manager of the Chowchilla-Madera Power Authority for M.I.D. and the Chowchilla Water District. A Madera Canal hydroelectric power plant was

named in honor of Robert Stanfield in 1986. He has been involved with the Friant Power Authority since its inception and the Upper San Joaquin River Water and Power Authority.

Mr. Stanfield is a Madera County Chamber of Commerce director and San Joaquin River Conservancy board member. He has chaired the Association of California Water Agencies and the Madera City Planning Commission. He also serves on the California Chamber of Commerce Water Resources Committee and the Friant Water Users Authority Advisory Committee.

Harvey Williams served for 26 years in a variety of positions with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and has managed the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District for the last decade. Mr. Williams is from the state of Washington and earned a degree in agricultural engineering from Washington State College. He served two years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in combat engineering.

In 1961, Harvey Williams joined the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on its Columbia Basin Project in the Operation and Maintenance section of the newly built irrigation systems which brought farming to that region. In 1971, Mr. Williams transferred to Fresno as the Bureau's operations chief in the Friant Division of the Central Valley Project. He was appointed to the district manager's position in the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District in Kern County on March 1, 1987. During his tenure with Shafter-Wasco, the district developed a major pumping plant and pipeline system that links the several regional water projects. This efficient system has increased and enhanced the overall water supply management and delivery to its customers. As a result, more than 40,000 acre feet of water has been banked in lieu of pumping valuable ground water.

Mr. Williams is a director of the Central Valley Project Water Association and serves on the Friant Water Users Authority Operation and Maintenance Committee. He also serves on the Kern County Water Advisory Committee, the Six District Ground Water Committee and is an associate director of the Pond-Wasco-Shafter Resource Conservation District.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to these five gentlemen. Each of these distinguished citizens has dedicated his life to the agriculture and water industries of the San Joaquin Valley and to his community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these men for their distinguished service to the San Joaquin Valley.

### IN MEMORY OF ALAN SHEPARD

### HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 1998*

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep sorrow on the death of a true American pioneer and hero, Alan B. Shepard, Jr. As a member of the House Committee on Science and as a long-time fan of the Mercury program, I would like to acknowledge Alan Shepard's service and many contributions to the U.S. space program.

Alan Shepard was known for his determination, his wit and his courage. He was one of seven Mercury astronauts named by NASA in